



CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Brown called the **SPECIAL MEETING** of the City Council of the City of La Cañada Flintridge to order at 8:30 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers present: Stephen A. Del Guercio, Laura Olhasso, Anthony J. Portantino, Mayor Pro Tem David Spence, and Mayor Gregory C. Brown

Staff members present: City Manager Alexander, Director of Public Works Castellanos, Director of Community Development Stanley, City Treasurer Voss, City Engineer Kwan, Senior Management Analyst Goytia Strauss, Public Safety Coordinator Stegner, Management Analyst Alameda, Management Analyst Wilson, Joanne Bortfeld, Senior Accountant and City Clerk Sessman

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Gregory C. Brown.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Mayor Brown opened the public comment period. There were no comments from the public.

OTHER BUSINESS

This matter is continued from June 22, 2006 meeting.

1. REVIEW OF THE FY 2006-07 PRELIMINARY BUDGET AND FINANCIAL PLAN AND THE FY 2006-07 COUNCIL CONSIDERATION ITEMS

Consideration and discussion among and between the City Council and staff proceeded regarding the following budget items as detailed in the Preliminary Budget & Financial Plan for Fiscal Year 2006-07 and Council Consideration Items:

Budget Recap

City Manager Alexander distributed and briefly discussed the recap of the June 19, 22, 26 and 28, 2006 meetings.

City Manager Alexander explained Council Consideration item D7 entitled “Red Route Bikeway” is eligible for Prop C funding; and that Council Consideration item E10 entitled “Edison Property Passive Use Park and Trail” qualifies for a grant being offered by the County of Los Angeles. He stated that the grant is currently available; it is a competitive grant, and could pay about \$150,000 of that project.

Councilmember Del Guercio stated that he was recusing himself from any discussions on items pertaining to a current or future contract with the County of Los Angeles, since the County is a source of income to his firm.

Councilmember Olhasso stated that she was recusing herself from any discussions of items pertaining to Jessen Bridge, since her home is located within 500 feet of the project area.

Councilmember Portantino stated that he was recusing himself from any discussions of items pertaining to Memorial Park or La Cañada Boulevard, since his home is located on La Cañada Boulevard and within 500 feet of Memorial Park

Capital Projects Fund Requests:

E1 – Drainage Improvements – Big Briar Way

The City Council directed staff to see if hazard mitigation grants are available to fund this project.

Consensus: There was a consensus of the City Council to deny the request.

E2 – Drainage Improvements – Georgian Road

Councilmember Olhasso and Mayor Pro Tem Spence inquired whether hazard mitigation funds could be used to fund this project.

Consensus: There was consensus of the City Council to approve the request in the amount of \$220,000 from the Solid Waste fund.

E3 – Drainage Facility Reline, Repair, Replacement

Councilmember Olhasso stated that this is an infrastructure issue and it needs to be fixed.

Consensus: There was consensus of the City Council to approve the request in the amount of \$150,000 from the Solid Waste fund.

E4 – Street Resurface & Slurry Seal Program

Consensus: There was consensus of the City Council to approve the request in the amount of \$400,000 from the Proposition C fund.

E5 – Old Town Foothill Resurfacing (Cypress to Hillard)

Consensus: There was consensus of the City Council to approve the request at \$400,000 (\$177,075 from SB 1266; and \$222,925 from Proposition C fund).

E6 – Streetscape Improvement – Foothill and ACH

Consensus: There was consensus of the City Council to approve the request at \$363,700 (\$13,800 from general fund; \$26,975 from AQMD; \$100,000 from SB 1266; and \$222,925 General Fund).

E7 – Annual Sidewalk and Misc. Concrete Repair

Consensus: There was consensus of the City Council to approve the request at \$60,000 from Special Funds.

E8 – Island Improvement - Oakwood/Lynnhaven

Councilmember Portantino suggested it be made an Eagle Scout project and La Cañada Beautiful project.

Mayor Pro Tem Spence suggest the project be taken to Margaret Pankatz to see if anyone would be interested in taking it on.

Consensus: There was a consensus of the City Council to hold off on funding this project until next year.

E9 – ACH Center and East Median Improvements

Consensus: There was consensus of the City Council to hold off on funding this project until next year.

E10 – Edison Property Passive Use Park and Trail

Consensus: There was consensus of the City Council to direct staff to apply for the grant being offered by the County of Los Angeles and bring back the project for funding if the City is awarded the grant.

E11 – Loop Trail Phase II

Consensus: There was consensus of the City Council to approve the request at \$32,800.

E12 – Loop Trail Phase III

Consensus: There was consensus of the City Council to deny the request until the design phase of the project is completed.

E13 – City Hall Storage Room

Consensus: There was consensus of the City Council to deny the request.

E14 – Pedestrian and Equestrian Crossing (Verdugo/Descanso)

Consensus: There was consensus of the City Council to deny the request.

E15 – Pedestrian and Equestrian Crossing (Chevy Chase)

Consensus: There was consensus of the City Council to approve the request at \$40,000 (\$30,000 from Solid Waste; and \$10,000 from general fund).

E16 – Jessen Drive Bridge Replacement

Consensus: There was consensus of the City Council to bring back this request during the mid-year budget review.

E17 – Lanterman House Museum Roof Replacement

Consensus: There was consensus of the City Council to approve the request at \$30,000.

E18 – City Hall Building & Security Improvements

Consensus: There was consensus of the City Council to approve the request at \$47,200 from Capital Projects, undesignated fund.

E19 – La Cañada Boulevard Sidewalks/Improvements

Consensus: There was consensus of the City Council to hold off funding of this project until next year.

E20 – Mayors' Discovery Park Sign

Consensus: There was consensus of the City Council to approve the request at \$12,000 (\$7,825 from Capital Projects, undesignated; and \$4,175 from general fund).

Councilmember Olhasso stated that since it will take approximately 3 months to recruit and hire for the new positions, she suggested that 25% of the funds budgeted be removed from each position. There were no objections.

CONCLUDING BUSINESS

Councilmembers' reports regarding regional and local representation - *None*

Councilmembers' requests for future agenda items - *None*

Councilmembers' comments - *None*

City Manager and/or staff comments - *None*

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Brown adjourned the meeting at 10:43 a.m.

Kathleen R. Sessman
City Clerk

Minutes Approved by the City Council on September 18, 2006.